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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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THIS REPORT IS PRESENTED IN TWO SECTIONS. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS CONSIST OF INFORMATION ABOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT HAS BECOME AVAILABLE TO NSA AS OF 26 MARCH. THE WEEK IN REVIEW SUMMARIZED VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT 18-24 MARCH. ALL INFORMATION IS BASED ON SIGINT UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. SITUATION SUMMARY A REGIMENTAL ECHELON SUBORDINATE OF THE NVA 320B DIVISION HAS BEEN LOCATED IN SOUTHERN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THIS POSITION IS SOUTH OF THE DIVISION'S USUAL AREA OF OPERATION. A VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ENTITY OPERATING IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS ISSUED REPORTS ON COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN THE COUNTRY AND ALSO STATED THAT THE AMERICANS CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT ARE TO BE QUESTIONED. THE NVA 208TH AA/ARTILLERY REGIMENT HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL GUNS AND AMMUNITION AND LISTED THE PLACES IT HAS ATTACKED IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. IN CAMBODIA THE KC 1ST AND 2ND DIVISIONS CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN THE BANAM-NEAK LUONG AREA JUST SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH CITY; NEAK LUONG HAS BEEN SPECIFIED AS THE PRIMARY BATTLEFIELD. AN AMERICAN POSITION AT KOMPONG CHAM AIRFIELD IS SCHEDULED TO BE HIT ON 28-29 MARCH. THE KC ARE TRAINING AND SENDING FILLER PERSONNEL TO SEVERAL UNITS. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ I. SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION 1. MILITARY REGION 2 THE AMERICANS CAPTURED IN THE BAN ME THUOT AREA WERE THE SUBJECT OF A REPORT ON 24 MARCH. AN UNIDENTIFIED NORTH VIETNAMESE ENTITY LOCATED IN THE B3 FRONT AREA INSTRUCTED AN UNKNOWN SUBORDINATE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE AMERICANS. THESE PRISONERS ARE TO BE QUERIED ON SUCH THINGS AS: WHETHER THEY ARE ADVISORS OR CONSULS, WHETHER THIEU WILL BE REPLACED, THE AMERICAN ATTITUDES CONCERNING THE VIETNAM WAR, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF ADVISORS FROM SAIGON. THIS SAME REPORT INDICATED THAT ALL VNAF AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM PHU CAT, AND THAT C130'S WERE BEING USED TO FLY THE POSSESSIONS AND FAMILIES OF THE "PIRATE PILOTS" BACK TO SAIGON. SEVERAL REPORTS ON 24 MARCH FROM THIS SAME ENTITY INDICATE THAT THE ARVN 22ND DIVISION WILL MOVE TO KHANH HOA PROVINCE TO REPLACE THE ARVN 23RD DIVISION. THE 22ND DIVISION WILL LINK UP WITH THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE AND TOGETHER THESE UNITS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTES 7 AND 21. THE COMBAT ACTIVITY REPORTED BY THIS ENTITY ON 24 MARCH INCLUDED: NVA ATTACKS AGAINST THE 5TH BATTALION OF THE 147TH BRIGADE AND THE 913TH RANGER BATTALION SOUTH OF THE MY CHANH RIVER; A NUMBER OF BOATS DESTROYED AND 100 "ENEMY" KILLED AT CUA TU HIEN (1621N 10755E ZD1210); 410 "ENEMY" OF THE 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS OF THE 5TH REGIMENT KILLED EIGHT KM SOUTHWEST OF TAM KY (1533N 10753E BT3221); 317 "ENEMY" OF TWO SURROUNDED BATTALIONS OF THE 5TH REGIMENT KILLED ON 21 MARCH BY ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 2ND DIVISION; THE 1ST AND 5TH RECONNAISSANCE BATTALIONS OF

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THE 5TH REGIMENT ANNIHILATED AT BONG SON (1426N 10901E BR8796); ALL OF ROUTES 20 AND 45 "LIBERATED"; AND THE NHA TRANG AIRFIELD AND THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OF II CORPS SHELLLED AT 0600 G. STILL ANOTHER 24 MARCH REPORT INDICATES THAT THE ARVN 221ST ARTILLERY BATTALION HAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE INDUCTION CENTER AT ZUYEN KHANH (POSSIBLY 1346N 10907E BR9725). IN MILITARY REGION 1, THE ARVN 1ST DIVISION IS PREPARING TO WITHDRAW FROM HUE BY BOAT TO DA NANG, ACCORDING TO THIS LATEST 24 MARCH REPORT. A 20 MARCH REPORT STATED THAT THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE ARVN 40TH REGIMENT HAD BEEN ANNIHILATED AND THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE REGIMENT WAS FLEEING TOWARDS DUC MY (1232N 10901E BP8486). AN ELEMENT OF THE 3RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE WAS REPORTEDLY PREPARING TO ENTER THE AREA AND THE ARVN HAVE FLED AN KHE. AT CHEO REO, THE NVA REPORTEDLY CAPTURED 65 VEHICLES, 2000 PRISONERS AND 60 WEAPONS INCLUDING TWO 155-MM GUNS. A NUMBER OF THE PRISONERS WERE REPORTED TO BE VEHICLE DRIVERS. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER 20 MARCH REPORT, THE TOWNS OF QUE SON (1540N 10814E BT0334) AND TAM KY WERE SURROUNDED AND THE "ENEMY" WAS FLEEING. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XGDS-2 XXHH #8342

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